

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 3, 2009
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Betsy Hands (D)

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 13, SB 72, 1/28/2009

Executive Action: HB 289, HB 170, SJ 13

00:02:55 Rep. Hands, Rep. Hendrick, and Rep. O'Hara entered the room.

HEARING ON SJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:43 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SJ 13, Commemorate Glacier Park's centennial.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:46 Rep. Dee Brown, HD 3
00:09:14 Aidan Myhre, Self
00:11:10 Stuart Doggett, Montana Inkeepers Association
00:11:56 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:14:01 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:08 Rep. Phillips
00:16:00 Sen. Zinke
00:19:01 Rep. Boniek
00:19:27 Sen. Zinke
00:19:31 Rep. Wilmer
00:20:10 Sen. Zinke
00:20:19 Rep. Wilmer
00:20:22 Sen. Zinke
00:21:36 Rep. Wilmer
00:21:49 Sen. Zinke
00:22:08 Chairman Himmelberger
00:22:12 Rep. Brown
00:22:54 Rep. Dickenson
00:23:34 Sen. Zinke
00:26:23 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:27 Sen. Zinke
00:27:07 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:18 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 72, Revise Public Service Commission secretary provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:23 Sarah Carlson, Montana Public Service Commission sth25a011

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:49 Rep. Wilmer
00:32:18 Sen. Laslovich
00:33:00 Rep. Malek
00:33:17 Sen. Laslovich
00:33:20 Rep. Malek
00:33:23 Sen. Laslovich
00:33:25 Rep. Malek
00:33:38 Sen. Laslovich
00:34:22 Rep. Brown
00:34:49 Ms. Carlson
00:35:15 Rep. Brown
00:35:34 Ms. Carlson
00:36:09 Rep. Brown
00:36:19 Ms. Carlson
00:36:25 Rep. Phillips
00:36:37 Ms. Carlson
00:36:42 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:49 Sen. Laslovich
00:37:32 Chairman Himmelberger

00:38:02 Rep. Phillips
00:38:07 Chairman Himmelberger
00:39:04 Rep. Brown
00:39:16 Chairman Himmelberger
00:39:28 Rep. Van Dyk
00:39:32 Rep. Phillips

00:39:36 Rep. Bean
00:39:50 Chairman Himmelberger
00:40:04 Rep. Phillips
00:41:00 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289

00:41:09 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HB 289 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:41:12 Chairman Himmelberger
00:41:38 Rep. Phillips

00:41:51 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HB 289 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth25a02)

Discussion:

00:41:57 Chairman Himmelberger
00:42:02 Rep. Brown
00:42:27 Chairman Himmelberger
00:42:35 Rep. Phillips
00:44:11 Chairman Himmelberger

00:44:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:44:44 Chairman Himmelberger

00:44:46 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HB 289 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:44:50 Chairman Himmelberger
00:45:00 Rep. MacLaren
00:45:10 Chairman Himmelberger

00:45:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:45:27 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170

00:45:45 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 170 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:52 Chairman Himmelberger

00:45:56 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 170 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (sth25a03)

Discussion:

00:47:06 Rep. Bean
00:47:17 Rep. Brown
00:47:24 Chairman Himmelberger
00:47:36 Rep. Dickenson
00:47:46 Rep. Brown
00:48:02 Rep. Dickenson
00:48:13 Ms. Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division
00:49:28 Chairman Himmelberger
00:49:33 Rep. Malek
00:49:48 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:50:59 Rep. Brown
00:51:01 Rep. Malek
00:51:06 Chairman Himmelberger
00:51:13 Rep. Malek
00:51:32 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:52:10 Chairman Himmelberger
00:52:31 Rep. Malek
00:52:46 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public
Employees' Retirement Administration
00:53:14 Chairman Himmelberger

00:53:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 170 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep.
Boniek voting no.

00:54:11 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 13

00:54:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brown moved that **SJ 13 BE CONCURRED
IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Shannon Augare will carry the bill in the House.

00:54:46 Rep. Brown
00:55:08 Chairman Himmelberger
00:55:11 Rep. Washburn
00:55:24 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

00:55:58 Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth25aad.pdf](#))